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Subject: RE: Requests from East Chicago residents to have their drinking water tested

We would normally direct the residents to the City. I was not aware of City's limitations. We have a check-in meeting at 2pm on East Chicago where I can raise the issue and get more information. I'll let you know what comes of that discussion.

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Rita – Janet Pope, our lead community involvement coordinator at the USS Lead site in East Chicago, has been getting requests from residents to have their drinking water tested. The requests are coming from residents who are not having the yards of their homes excavated. She advised them to contact the City of East Chicago, but they told her the city told them to contact EPA. A few months ago, East Chicago Utilities Director Greg Crowley told me the city did not have enough staff to respond to requests to test drinking water and asked me not to include the water department phone number on a fact sheet. Any advice on how she should respond to these requests?

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